

a<sup>1</sup> introducing a polymeric material onto the article mold which flows into  
and over the reverse image arrangement of fine topography features;  
curing the polymeric material; and  
separating the cured polymeric material from the article mold to define a  
molded polymeric article having, on a finished surface corresponding  
to the first portion of the article mold, a desired arrangement of fine  
topography features thereon.

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a<sup>2</sup> 7. The method of claim 5 wherein the array has a plurality of zones of upstanding stems,  
and wherein the stems in adjacent zones differ in configuration.

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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to correct errors noted in claims 1 and 7, as originally filed. No new matter is presented by these revisions, which are merely presented to correct errors in the original presentation of the claims.

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted for entry in the above-identified application prior to an Examiner undertaking a first Action in connection therewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0982.

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**APPENDIX:  
MARKED UP VERSION OF SPECIFICATION AND CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

1. A method of making a molded polymeric article, the method comprising:  
electroforming a plating onto a first surface of a prototype article, wherein  
the first surface is defined at least in part by a desired arrangement of  
fine topography features and is electrically conductive, so that the  
plating defines an article mold having, on a first portion thereof  
corresponding to the first surface of the prototype article, a reverse  
image arrangement of the fine topography features thereon;  
separating the prototype article from the article mold;  
introducing a[n] polymeric material onto the article mold which flows into  
and over the reverse image arrangement of fine topography features;  
curing the polymeric material; and  
separating the cured polymeric material from the article mold to define a  
molded polymeric article having, on a finished surface corresponding  
to the first portion of the article mold, a desired arrangement of fine  
topography features thereon.
7. The method of claim 5 wherein the array has a plurality of zones of upstanding stems,  
and wherein the stems in adjacent zones differ in configuration.

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